Universalisation of secondary education

24. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are universalising secondary education;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present position thereof;

(c) whether the funds released under SSA are enough to compete with the standards of the private schools;

(d) if so, the funds released and spent by each school, district-wise in A.P for various purposes during the last 3 years;

(e) the goals set to achieve under SSA; and

(f) the present position thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Planning Commission has accorded "in-principle" approval to the proposal for a scheme for universalisation of access to and improvement of quality of secondary education.

(c) to (f) The objective of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) is universalisation of elementary education with satisfactory quality. Under the programme, the Government of India's share provided to Andhra Pradesh, during the last three years, is as follows:-

Sl.No.	Year	Amount released (Rs. in lakh)
1.	2003-04	9883.97
2.	2004-05	28000.00
3.	2005-06	37999.00

In 2006-07, Rs. 43245.56 lakh has been released to Andhra Pradesh under Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) up to 19.2.2007.

Government approval for Foreign Institutes

25. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the latest data available with the All

India Council of Technical Education (AICTE) two of the 131 foreign institutes offering degrees and diplomas for a range of courses in collaboration with Indian Partners have bothered to get necessary Government approvals; and

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take to ensure that these foreign institutes adhere to Indian laws?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has approved courses in two Institutes under their Regulations for entry and operation of Foreign Universities/Institutions imparting Technical Education in India.

(b) The AICTE Regulations for entry and operation of foreign Universities/Institutions imparting technical education in India provide that during the period of operation the institutions under these Regulations shall be treated on par with other technical institutions in India and shall be governed by all the Rules, Regulations, Norms and Guidelines of AICTE issued from time to time. Also, the registration so granted shall be valid for a specified period during which AICTE may review the progress made and periodically inform the concerned agencies about the results of such a review. In the event of malpractices, registration could be revoked any time.

DIETs for elementary education

26. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government is implementing Centrally sponsored scheme for setting District Institutes of Elementary Teachers Training (DIETs) in the country to impart elementary education in the age group of 6—14 years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the trained elementary teachers are restricted to teach upto the level of V class instead of VIII class;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) what steps Government propose to take to utilize the services of trained elementary teachers up to class VIII;